

**MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO  
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS  
MEETING MINUTES**

March 15, 2017

The Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened via conference call to discuss civil rights concerns in the State. Velma Korbel chaired the meeting and performed the initial roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CDT.

**Advisory Committee Members:**

**Present:**

1. Battle, Robert
2. Dobratz, Matthew
3. Kolbo, Kirk
4. Korbel, Velma (Chair)
5. Beaulieu, Jacqueline
6. Doyle, Kenneth (Vice Chair)
7. Vischer, Robert
8. Guadarrama, Leticia
9. Nelson, Teresa
10. Valens, Nyagatare

**Absent:**

1. Huynh, Denise
2. Levy-Pounds, Nekima
3. Taylor, Craig
4. Check, Ryan

**Commission Staff present:**

- Wojnaroski, Melissa (DFO)
- Wilks, Olivia (USCCR intern)

**Members of the Public present:**

- None

**Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:**

Approval of Minutes

1. Bob Battle moved for the Committee to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2017 as drafted.
2. Ken Doyle seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Discussion: Hearing Preparation—*Police Practices in Minnesota*

1. The Committee may add a short morning Open Forum session if they determine appropriate on the day of the hearing.
2. The Committee discussed protocol for potential disruptions at the hearing.
3. The Committee asked staff to send out updated agendas to panelists.

4. The Chair reminded Committee members to review the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing report as part of their preparations for the hearing.

#### Future Plans and Actions

- In preparation for the hearing, Committee members should continue to think about what questions to ask panelists.
- In preparation for the hearing, Committee members should use the press release and flyer to conduct outreach to their networks and local media outlets to build interest and awareness.
- USCCR staff have requested brief abstracts from each panelist. Abstracts will be submitted to the Committee as soon as they are received to aid in development of questions.
- In preparation for the public hearing on March 21, 2017, all Committee members should also familiarize themselves with the 21<sup>st</sup> century policing report and its recommendations.

#### Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday March 21, 8:00am – 5:15pm (in Minneapolis) *please arrive by 7:45am***

Meeting Adjourned, 1:00 pm, CST.